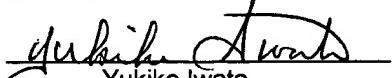




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Serial No. 09/655,964 ) Examiner: N. Ogden, Jr.  
Filed September 6, 2000 )  
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Dear Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**  
**FOR RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

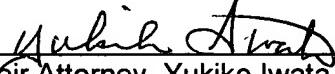
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